

## Polls Open Till 8 Tonight

# Turnout Of Voters 'Average To Small'

Southwestern Michigan voters were going to the polls in "average to small" numbers as a dreary rain dampened early primary election voting this morning.

Statewide, Bernard Apol, state elections director predicted a mediocre turnout of 1.3 million voters. But in some keenly contested races in this area, campaign workers were vowing to get out the vote for their candidates.

Polls will remain open until 8 o'clock tonight. Early

evening traditionally brings out the heaviest vote.

In the only statewide nomination, Republican Sen. Robert Griffin and Democratic Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley were running unopposed for senatorial nominations to square off in November.

Top interest in this area was the Republican nomination for Fourth District congressman where incumbent Edward Hutchinson is challenged by State Sen. Charles Zollar.

Democrats also have a race for Fourth District nominee.

Berrien and Allegan county's have hot races for Republican nominations for sheriff, and there are contests in some county commissioner districts in the area. Nomination for 44th District legislator is an attraction for Democrats.

A 10 a.m. check of some precincts in Berrien county showed a trickle of voters to what was considered average. A precinct at Washington school, St. Joseph, had 15 ballots

cast. Fairplain East school reported about an average for early morning of 83, an Oronoko township precinct had less than 10 per cent of its registration, Benton Harbor high had a light turnout of 45.

In Michigan, voters will select 38 nominees for 19 seats in Congress. Republicans currently hold 12 seats, but Democrats hope to gain in November because of redistricting.

## SJ Township Okays Project

### Condominium And Commercial Plan To Cost \$5 Million

St. Joseph township board Monday night unanimously accepted planning commission recommendations paving the way for a \$5 million housing

and commercial development on Cleveland avenue near Hawthorne.

The township board voted to change a single-family zone to

commercial and multi-family residential. This will permit Superior Home Builders of St. Joseph to develop a strip along Cleveland avenue into commercial use and the rest of the 30-acre plot into condominiums of 160 units.

Unique feature of the development is an agreement between the owner, developer and the township that Superior Home Builders furnish certain safeguards to insure residential nature of the property. The development at one time earlier this year was bitterly opposed by residents of nearby Hillview Manor subdivision.

Action by the township board came quickly after Trustee Robert DeVries read the details of the recommendation. Supervisor Orval L. Benson said some persons who were against the project have written letters now favoring the development.

There was little opposition to the development when it was the main topic at a hearing Aug. 1. The township board, aware of this shift in neighbors' reaction voted to make the zoning changes. Benson, who usually does not vote, cast his to make the verdict unanimous.

There will be 32 one-bedroom, 112 two-bedroom and 16 three-bedroom units. Single-family units will be located to provide a buffer between the development and Hillview Manor subdivision. Cost of units will range from \$25,000 for a bedroom unit to \$30,000 for a three bedroom facility.

The township board will have yet another check on the development when the time comes to issue a building permit. In addition, weekly inspection will be provided to insure quality of construction.

The property is presently owned by Mrs. Edwina Pat-

### Snowmobile Season Has Arrived

SOUTH HAVEN — State police troopers from the South Haven post are wondering if the summer season is over.

Yesterday the troopers investigated a snowmobile accident involving a Lacota man.

Michael Cochran, 28, told troopers he was trying out his new snowmobile near his home in Lacota when a front ski broke, tripping the machine. Cochran was thrown from the snowmobile and suffered a shoulder injury. He was released after treatment at South Haven Community hospital.

### Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today was 58 degrees.



FORMER PRISONER BARRACKS: Mr. and Mrs. Franz Kerschbaum of Lockenhaus, Austria, stand in front of building at old Van Buren fairgrounds which was used as a prisoner of war camp during World

War II. Kerschbaum spent about six months of his 30 months as a POW at the camp and met relatives living in this area while there. He and wife were back for first visit since his release. (Righter photo)

## Memories Of Hartford

# Ex-War Prisoner Returns

BY ANGIE RIGHTER  
Hartford Correspondent

HARTFORD — For Franz Kerschbaum, 50, a high school principal in Lockenhaus, Austria, a trip to this area to visit relatives has been filled with special memories.

His first visit here was as a prisoner of war in April, 1944. He was one of 220 prisoners housed at a POW camp which has since served as the Van Buren fairgrounds and is now a speedway.

It was during that time that

he made his first personal contact with his relatives and the time when he bought the wedding bands that he and his wife still wear.

Kerschbaum, a private in the German forces in North Africa, was taken prisoner May 13, 1943, after the general German surrender there May 11.

He was brought to this country a short time later and spent a year in a POW camp in Huntsville, Tex., before being brought to Ft. Custer near Battle Creek.

His contact with some of his relatives came really by chance as attempts to reach them through official Red Cross sources earlier had failed.

Another prisoner mentioned casually after the end of a work day that a woman living near the farm where he had been working in Stevensville had asked him to write to her mother in Austria to determine her welfare.

Both Kerschbaum and the other prisoner were housed in the same building at the Hartford POW camp.

Kerschbaum recalled that he had asked the man what the name was, because he also was from Austria, and learned that it was his grandmother's name. The prisoner told him the name on the mailbox across from the farm, where the woman was living, was Kerschbaum.

To meet the woman, Kerschbaum traded work assignments with the fellow prisoner so that he could go to

the farm. The guard would not allow him to talk with residents, however, but he was able to tell the farmer that he thought the next-door family was his aunt and uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kerschbaum of Stevensville.

Kerschbaum said the next

Sunday while he and the other prisoners were lounging along the camp's fence, watching traffic, his aunt and uncle came to visit.

He said the guards wouldn't let them talk much then but had

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## Coloma Township Okays 150-Home Subdivision Plan

COLOMA — Tentative approval was given last night to a 240 acre housing subdivision for 150 homes on Beck road in Coloma township by the township board.

The housing subdivision named, "River Oaks" is proposed by Jerry Ison and Ernie Ferguson. When completed the value could exceed an estimated \$3 million, based on a cost of \$20,000 per house.

According to Ison, approximately 120 acres of the site will be used to build chalet and alpine type houses, with the first phase of construction slated to contain 27.

The remaining 120 acres will be utilized by the owners of the houses for hunting, horseback riding, snowmobiling and fishing.

The developers' plans were outlined to the township board members by Benton Harbor Real Estate man Tom DeRosa.

In a related action, developers Leonard Dolezan and Don Soper, planning on developing a mobile home park in the township, close to the subdivision, revealed that state health officials have asked them to consider hooking in with the township sewer system, at their expense, and not to develop a separate system.

In other township action, trustees approved the request

of Dr. Rolando Fajardo and Philip Nadeau to build a medical profession complex on 20 acres of land located near Red Arrow highway, east of Coloma.

Approved a resolution increasing the number of paid meetings for members of the joint Paw Paw Lake operating board from 12 to 25 per year at a charge of \$10 per meeting.

Board members approved the reappointment of Dorothy McGinnis to a two-year term on the Coloma library board, representing Coloma township.

Approved the transfer of a 1971 resort class C and SDM license to Richard Wayne Ignatz and Kenneth Patzkowsky with dance permit and entertainment from Arthur and Ferne Betz.

## Bainbridge Hears Plans For Big Trailer Park

Plans for a \$350,000 mobile home park development on Britain avenue in Bainbridge township were unveiled last night.

Appearing before the township board, Saint Joseph Attorney Royce DeFrancesco outlined the proposed plans for the 129-unit development for the board and members of the township zoning board of appeals.

The developer of the mobile home park, Raymond Leoni of Stevensville, said the minimum lot size for the homes would be 50 by 100 feet, with the entire project to be located on a 43 acre tract of land on Britain avenue, one mile west of Park road.

Plans call for off-street

parking, storage areas for boats, and a large parcel of land to be reserved for recreational purposes along a ravine located on the property. A buffer land area, from Britain avenue into the park area would be maintained to keep the area secluded from the roadway.

Under township policy, the township zoning board of appeals must approve the project before it can be submitted to county and state officials. Robert Sonnenberg, president of the zoning board, told Leoni and DeFrancesco that no action would be taken until an acceptable sewerage system could be worked out with the health officials.

In other township action, board members approved the appointment of former Benton Harbor elementary school teacher Ruth Weekwerth, who resides on Britain avenue, to the position of deputy township clerk to assist Mrs. Beverly Koroch.

Approved a fire contract with the Sister Lakes Fire department for 1971-1972.

PHONEGRAMS are fun to play and may win you valuable prizes. Today's game appears on page 20.

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Golf at Paw Paw Lk. G.C. Adv.

## Coloma Girl Breaks Both Arms In Fall

Berrien sheriff's deputies said a seven-year-old Coloma girl fell 20 feet from some bleachers on which she was playing, and broke both her arms in the fall. Officers said the accident occurred at Riverview park, St. Joseph.

The girl was identified as Donna Collis, daughter of James Collis, of 133 Park court, Coloma.

Deputies said she was playing on some bleachers at Riverview park in St. Joseph when the accident occurred about noon Sunday. Deputies stated they were not informed of the accident until yesterday morning, and added Donna was treated and released at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital.

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## Republican In Race At Last Minute

Richard Garlanger, 616 Empire avenue, said he is a write-in candidate for the

Republican nomination as Fourth District Berrien county commissioner in Benton Harbor.

Garlanger, 42, said he decided yesterday to try as a write-in candidate in today's primary election in the Fourth District where there is no Republican on the ballot.

Three candidates are on the ballot vying for the Democratic nomination — T. J. (Jack) Carter, Michael Govatos and Victor Greer. They are all incumbents lumped in the same district because of redistricting and reduction of the county board from 21 to 13 members.

To be nominated, Garlanger will have to get 15 per cent of the total vote cast for any Republican office in his district in the primary.

Garlanger is a building contractor and registered locksmith.



RICHARD GARLANGER  
Write-In Candidate



FLAMING RUINS: Passerby, James Goliak, Chicago, Ill., family on I-94 in St. Joseph township last Saturday. Occupants of car, the Robert Herman family, escaped

uninjured. Berrien sheriff's officers said cause of the fire is undetermined.

## Austin Will Give Two Talks Here

Michigan Secretary of State Richard Austin will be in the Twin Cities Monday to address a joint meeting at noon of Rotary and Benton Harbor Kiwanis and an evening Berrien county Democratic

dinner.

Austin, former Detroit city auditor, was elected to a four-year term as secretary of state in 1970 on the Democratic ticket.

He will talk to Rotary and Benton Harbor Kiwanis at the St. Joseph Elks lodge. The dinner at 7 p.m. will be in the Downtowner restaurant, 69 Wall street, Benton Harbor.

Topics of Austin's talks have not been announced, but the evening appearance is expected to have a political flavor as all Democratic candidates for office in Berrien county are invited.

Tickets for the Democratic dinner are \$2.50. Reservations can be made by calling 925-5575 or 926-7800 by Friday, Aug. 11.

Democrats arranging the dinner are Ed Prong, Margaret Crisnal, Jack Carter, Vic Greer, Esther Clay, Antoinette DeFoe and Carl Brown of the Twin Cities; Maureen Kilgore, Berrien Springs, and Mabel Payne, Three Oaks.

Austin will visit the Berrien Youth fair Tuesday morning, then go to Niles for a speaking engagement and wind up the day in Cass county.

### Honor Roll Citation

Catherine Vogel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Vogel, 1057 Monroe street, Benton Harbor, was one of 188 Monmouth (Ill.) college students cited for being on the honor roll for the third term of the 197-72 school year. She compiled a grade point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0.



RICHARD AUSTIN  
Secretary Of State

## Twin City Drum Corps Marched In Parade

The Twin City Drum, Bugle and Fife Corps was among marching units participating Saturday in the Coast Guard festival parade at Grand Haven. The local group also attended water and air shows, a carnival and giant fireworks display that were part of the festival.

## Commission Acts On Zoning, Liquor Requests SJ Bids Anew To Annex Land

St. Joseph city commissioners bid anew last night to straighten out the irregular southern boundary of the city by annexing two parcels of land, about 35 acres, from St. Joseph township.

Commissioners passed a resolution directing City Atty. A. J. Preston Jr. to resubmit the city's petition for annexation with the Michigan State Boundary Commission.

With one minor change, the petition is the same as one rejected by the Boundary Commission on July 26 on what Preston indicated were technicalities.

One boundary line has been moved from the center of a street to its west boundary.

In rejecting the first petition, the Boundary commission said the petition has been signed by the deputy city clerk instead of City Clerk Charles J. Rhodes, and that the petition had not been notarized.

Last week, St. Joseph township Atty. John Crow called the city's action a "tax grab" and promised "to take this matter to court and go as high as we have to."

All five St. Joseph city commissioners will also sign the new petition.

In response to a question raised by Commissioner C. A. Tobias last week, City Manager Leland Hill told the commission that the flasher light to be installed on Lake Shore Drive between Lake View and Hilltop road by the State Highway Department may or may not be in operation by the time school starts. The request was made by the commission after its June 6 meeting.

Hill said he had been informed last week that the work order to install the light was in Lansing awaiting official authorization.

Tobias then requested that city police radar units be put in operation in the Lake Shore drive area to reduce what he called "excessive speeding."

The commissioners acted in

accord with recommendations made by the St. Joseph Planning commission on two zoning changes.

In one case, approval was given Multiple Listing System and Southwest Michigan Board of Realtors to build a residential-type split level office building and conference room facility on Lake Shore drive just south of Hilltop road.

A request from Erwin Breikreuz of St. Joseph to rezone property at 703 Columbia to allow construction of a duplex was turned down.

A request for a liquor license transfer was approved; another request was rejected and application for a special liquor license won approval of commissioners.

The license of the Pump

House Lounge, 214 State street, owned by Roger E. Simpson, was transferred to Leroy J. and Jacqueline Powers; the request of Joseph DeMaria, owner of Papina's restaurant, 2800 Cleveland, to transfer a liquor license to that address from the Sand Rabbit restaurant, 532 Ridgeway, was denied; and a special one day permit to serve beer, wine and liquor at Shadowland ballroom on Aug. 12 was granted the Fraternal Order of Police Associate Membership for their annual dance.

The sale of 1.47 acres of land in the St. Joseph Industrial District to Lakeland Mill Supply Co. was approved. Sale price of the land is \$7,350. The purchasers said they will

construct a 50 x 100 building on the site to house their operation.

Commissioners gave Robert Farnan, 422 Church street, St.

Joseph, 90 days in which to bring property at 719 and 723 Broad street up to code. Farnan recently purchased the property from Louis Awady.

Requests from Mothers of World War II for a poinsettia tag day Oct. 20 and 21 and from DAV for a flower sale Aug. 18 and 19 were approved.

## BH Creates New Economic, Human Resource Offices

The Benton Harbor city commission last night adopted separate ordinances creating an economic development department and a human resources department.

The commission also ratified a one-year contract, providing police department personnel a 5 per cent increase and other benefits.

Mayor Charles Joseph said he has a verbal commitment from the U.S. Department of Commerce for \$2,500 to handle the paperwork and hire a consultant to assist in getting the new departments established.

Joseph said other federal funds should be forthcoming to perpetuate the departments. Joseph said the \$2,500 commitment was one of the things he achieved during his recent trip to Washington. As to further funds, the mayor said he's not ready to issue a full report at this time.

The economic development department, aimed at revitalizing downtown, would be headed by Don Stewart, when he resigns from his city manager post, Joseph said. A committee is searching for a new manager, but no progress has been reported. Stewart plans to step down as manager, and head up the department until his retirement in April, 1974.

The human resources department is to serve as a clearing house for complaints and serve as the structure for securing other federal grants, Joseph said.

Both ordinances creating these departments become effective, upon publication. They were unanimously okayed.

Upon approving the police department pact, Manager Stewart said he hopes to detail settlements with firemen and general employees next week.

He said these areas also call for a 5 per cent across-the-board pay increase. Details of the police pact were reported in this newspaper last week.

The commission also approved the re-appointment of David Goldbaum to the library board.

Approved were requests for street sales Aug. 18-19, by Disabled American Veterans; and Oct. 20-21, by Mothers of World War II. A CanAm request for Union park for a picnic Aug. 15 was approved. Commissioner P. Joseph

Flaugh praised police for their investigation into a burglary at the home of his son, F. Joseph Flaugh, Jr., 1235 Colfax. The elder Flaugh advanced a resolution of praise for the department. It was approved. Another resolution praised the city's winning Little League teams for victories over St. Joseph.

A lease between the owner of a single family house at 868 Mineral and the public housing commission under the relocation program also was approved.

### GREASE TOO HOT

## BH Boy Burned In Kitchen Blaze

Benton Harbor firemen said a 10-year-old boy sustained minor burns yesterday morning when a curtain caught fire while he was attempting to put a burning pan into the sink.

The boy was identified as Woodrow Salie, 10. Firemen said he and his sister, eight-year-old Shirley Pentilton, were alone at their house at 1189 Union street, when the fire occurred at 10:57 a.m.

Firemen said the boy was attempting to pour hot grease into a can, and the grease spilled on a stove burner and caught fire. As Woodrow tried to put the pan into the sink, the curtains caught fire, burning the boy, firemen stated.

Mother of the children is Alberta Coran, who was at work at the time of the incident, firemen said.

Benton Harbor firemen also extinguished a minor blaze on the freelawn in front of St. John's Convent, 640 Columbus

avenue, at 6:13 p.m. yesterday. Firemen said some children knocked over a kerosene warning flare, which set fire to the grass and a tree.

Benton township firemen said the engine of a car was extensively damaged at 5:19 p.m. when fire broke out while the car was on Fair at Britain avenues.

Benton township police said the fire was extinguished by Benton township and Benton Harbor police using portable extinguishers.

The car, firemen said, is owned by Mina Bailey, of Route 2, Hartford. Firemen said the cause was a short in the wiring.

### EDITOR NAMED

DETROIT (AP) — Roger B. Rowand, veteran business and automotive reporter, will join Ward's Communications, Inc., as associate editor of Ward's Automotive Reports.

## SJ Township Site Picked

# Report Expected On New Hall

A report on architects' proposals for a new St. Joseph township hall is scheduled for the Aug. 21 meeting, Supervisor Orval L. Benson announced last night at the regular meeting of the township board.

Trustee Carl Reschke will make the report. The township has purchased property off Washington avenue and Nelson road as the site for the new township hall. The present township hall on Napier avenue near Colfax is for sale.

Township trustees last night approved a contract with Charges Barger, a civil engineer, to design the last link of the interceptor sewer. Barger and Benson reported everything is in readiness for a September opening of bids on

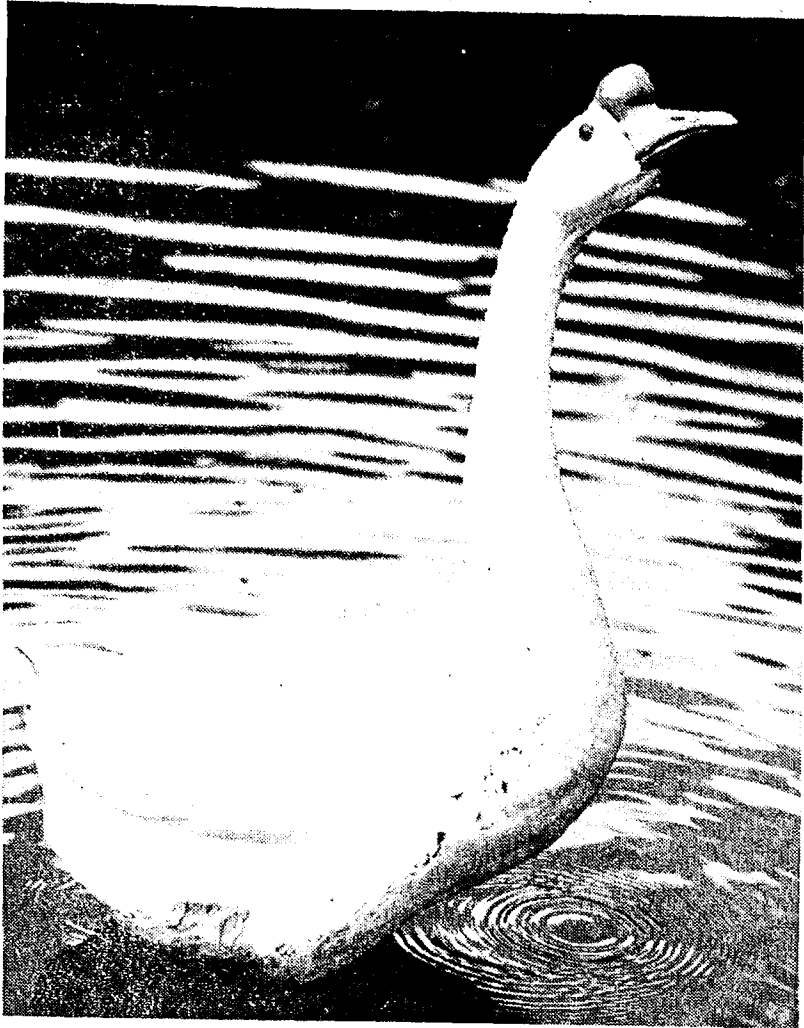
St. Joseph township's part of the interceptor system.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Richard Drickey from the salary and public works committee. Drickey said he

was recuperating from an illness.

The board approved expenses of \$31 to George Nichols, assistant fire chief, to attend a course at Lake Michigan college sponsored by the state fire marshal.

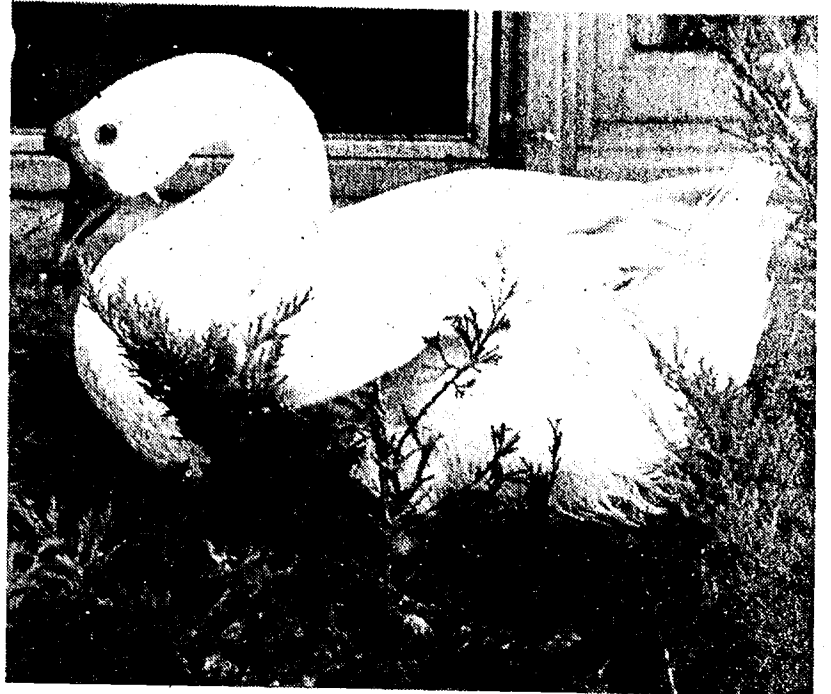
## Proud Patroller Of Point



**KING OF THE POND:** Arrogant gander rules the pond at Point O'Woods Country club where duffers who lose balls in water don't want to trifle with him.



**SUPREME ON LAND:** Even out of the water, gander has few challengers. Geese often are considered as good as watch dogs in warning of intruders.



**QUEEN OF THE NEST:** She was the object of gander's affections, but now female has settled down to more maternal duty of guarding nest at Point O'Woods Country club in Benton township.



**UGLY DUCK:** Muscovy drake may not be the most handsome dude in the pond. But he doesn't give a quack. In fact, he can't quack anyway — he just squeaks. Despite hard look, duck enjoys his existence at Point O'Woods Country club pond. (Staff photos by Harry Smith)

## Cass Begins 'Biggest Fair Ever' On Optimistic Note

### Record Number Of Exhibits Awaiting Viewers



**DIONNE SMITH**  
Visitor from Los Angeles

BY LYLE SUMERIN  
South Berrien Bureau

CASSOPOLIS — Rain may have dampened the enthusiasm of some fairgoers yesterday, but it had little effect on fair officials and 4-H'ers as the 121st Cass county fair got underway here.

Boys and girls were busy throughout the day preparing exhibits and grooming their animals in preparation for the parade officially opening the fair, which will run through Saturday.

Fair officials said last night that no tabulation on the number of exhibits or exhibitors was available, but added they were certain that new records would be set in both departments.

Bob Eubanks, fair secretary-

treasurer, said rain apparently was responsible for slow action on the midway, but failed to bother demolition derby fans as they packed the grandstand for last night's show.

"We are looking forward to the biggest fair ever," he said. One of the departments literally bulging at the seams is the exhibit of horses. Eubanks estimated that at least 350 animals had been registered, about 100 more than last year.

Workmen were busy pitching an additional tent to stabilize the overflow. This was in addition to the new 40-stable horse barn erected this summer by members of North Red Hill 4-H horse club.

The first of five days of harness racing opened this afternoon, with the Roy King rodeo taking the spotlight in

front of the grandstand tonight at 8.

Other headline attractions throughout the week include western singing star Jeannie C. Riley and the Homesteaders, an auto daredevil show, and motorcycle racing.

Daily gate tickets and grandstand tickets are \$1 each for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. Wednesday is Kiddies' day and between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. tickets to most rides will be sold at reduced prices. Parking on the fairgrounds is free.

Judging of non-livestock projects was completed yesterday, with swine and dairy classes today.

On Wednesday, Kiddies' day, there will be the Holiday Animal Fantasy at 8 p.m., preceded by a monkey act. Also

Wednesday will be judging of poultry, rabbits and sheep for youth and open classes at 9 a.m.; youth and open class beef judging at 2 p.m.; and pony team hitches at 4 p.m.

Thursday's activities will begin at 9 a.m. with youth horse and pony halter show and judging; youth market livestock sale at 7 p.m.; Jeannie C. Riley and the Homesteaders performance at the grandstand at 7 and 9 p.m.

On Friday, the youth horse and pony performance show and judging will begin at 9 a.m.; youth dog show and judging at 10 a.m.; pony races at 4 p.m. and King Kovaz Auto Daredevils at 8 p.m.

A 4-H demonstration contest is set for 1 p.m. Saturday followed by motorcycle racing at 6 and pony pulling at 8 p.m.

## Ex-Student Senate Chief Files For LMC Board Post

A nominating petition for a seat on the Lake Michigan board of trustees was filed Monday by Eugene L. Harmon, former president of the LMC Student Senate for two years.

The petition with 55 supporting names was filed with Forrest Kesterke, Berrien

county clerk.

Mrs. Charles (Helen) Ford, a Benton Harbor school official and former director of the TRI-CAP anti-poverty program, was the first to file a petition last month. Deadline for filing petitions is Sept. 8.

Three seats on the LMC

governing board will be contested in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Members with expiring terms are Dean Kimmerly, board chairman; Mrs. John (Emily) Foster of Niles township, and Dr. Bernard C. Radde of St. Joseph. Harmon, 31, resides at 1297 Broadway in Benton Harbor.

## Keeler Man Tries Write-In Bid For Township Post

KEELER — A Keeler man, Carl Davis, 25, has announced an eleventh-hour try for the Republican nomination for Keeler township treasurer in today's primary election.

Davis, a salesman at K-Mart in Benton Harbor and a student at Western Michigan university, Kalamazoo, will seek the nomination as a write-in candidate. Previously, no one had sought the GOP's nomination for treasurer, and the chance to oppose in-

cumbent Democrat John Scherer in November.

Davis, a lifetime resident of Keeler, is a Vietnam veteran and the secretary-treasurer of the Van Buren county sheriff's posse. Buren county sheriff's posse.

To get on the November ballot, Davis will have to receive 15 per cent as many votes as are cast in the single nomination race drawing the most votes in the township.



**CARL DAVIS**  
Write-in bid



**NEW HORSE BARN:** This 40-stable horse barn was built by North Red Hill 4-H Horse club this summer, at Cass county fairgrounds at Cassopolis. It cost about \$5,000 for materials, with the fair board

donating \$1,600 and the 4-H club the other \$3,400, plus labor volunteered by members and parents, under supervision of John Sobieski. The club is made up of 16 families. (Staff photos)